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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PAN AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR YEMEN AIRWAYS

REF: BEIRUT 2508

1. ACCORDING MINCOMMO AHMED SA'ID, WHO NOW HAS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR YEMEN AIRWAYS, NO DEFINITE WORD FROM SAG ON PANAM PROPOSAL SINCE TRIP TO JIDDA IN WHICH GRACE AND PANAM VP PARTICIPATED. HOWEVER DURING TRIP, YEMENAIR GRNERAL MANAGER WAS TOLD BY SAUDIA GENERAL MANAGER KAMAL SINDI THAT MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN WILLING SPEND DOLS 15-20 MILLION TO UPGRADE YEMENAIR USING ANY FOREIGN CARRIER YARG WANTED. IN RETURN SAG WOULD LIKE FORTY NINE PERCENT SHARE IN AIRLINE TO WHICH YARG, ACCORDING SA'ID, AGREEABLE. SINDI HAD PROMISED PRINCE SULTAN WOULD PROVIDE FORMAL WRITTEN CONFIRMATION BUT THIS NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. SA'ID REITERATED THAT YARG STILL DETERMINED ACCEPT PANAM PROPOSAL AS SOON AS SAG FUNDING ARRANGED. AT SAME TIME, IT HAS EXTENDED WET LEASE OF AIR BRITANNIA B-737 FOR ONE YEAR AT CHEAPER PRICE.

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3. SA'ID, WHO DID NOT ATTEND LAHORE CONFERENCE, NOT AWARE
WHETHER SUBJECT RAISED THERE. IF IT WAS, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN

DONE AT INSTIGATION FONMIN ASNAG WHO NOW IN TAIZ PRIOR RETURN
TO SANAA. SA'ID WILL QUERY HIM MARCH 7 IN TAIZ AND LET US
KNOW ANSWER IN A FEW DAYS.
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